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In re Patent Application of:  
Yukiyasu Tsunoo

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For: DATA ENCRYPTION SYSTEM AND  
METHOD

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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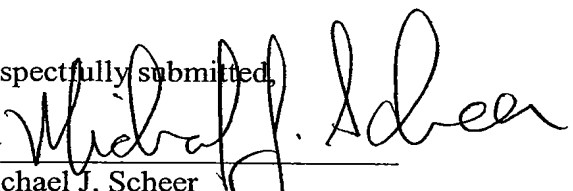
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 3, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Species 1, drawn to claims 1-7, 22-27 and 34 without traverse. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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